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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM
for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

1. NAME				
COMMON:				
AND/OR HISTORIC: site of the "Old Common"				
2. LOCATION				
STREET AND NUMBER: 106 High Street				
CITY OR TOWN: Cambridge				
STATE: Maryland		COUNTY: Dorchester		
3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY				
OWNER'S NAME: Anita B. Smith				
STREET AND NUMBER: 106 High Street				
CITY OR TOWN: Cambridge		STATE: Maryland		21613
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Dorchester County Courthouse				
STREET AND NUMBER: 206 High Street				
CITY OR TOWN: Cambridge		STATE: Maryland		21613
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): Liber 74/Folio 333				
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS				
TITLE OF SURVEY:				
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE:		

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This assymetrical two and one half story frame house has a tall hip roof. There are three bays across the front. The two bays on the north end of the front project forward slightly and are covered by a gable. The door, in the bay on the south end of the front, is flanked by rectangular sidelights and has a semi-elliptical fanlight above. Opposite the door is an elliptical window with metal tracerywork. A one story porch extends across most of the front and part of the north facade. This porch is supported by doric columns and has a ballustrade, with plain rectangular ballusters. In the center of the roof, is a dormer with two square windows, the muntins forming an X pattern.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- ☐ Pre-Columbian ☐ 16th Century ☐ 18th Century ☐ 20th Century
☐ 15th Century ☐ 17th Century ☒ 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi- | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | losophy | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human- | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | itarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

History:

The property upon which this house was built was once part of a lot stretching from Commerce Street to the river, known as the "Old Common". This lot had a long history of ownership, although the present houses were not built there until the 1890's. The lot was first conveyed by James Phillips, escheat patentee of "Ricarton" to John Caile in May 1747 for \$30. In July 1760 John Caile sold the property to Charles Goldsborough for \$100. The property was owned by several members of the Goldsborough family, until in 1802, it was sold by Richard Goldsborough to James Steele, then owner of the Point. Mr. Steele's son, James, sold the lot to Captain Sadrach Mitchell in 1824. By several deeds stretching from 1834 to 1843, Captain Mitchell conveyed all his property to Josiah Bayly, Jr. (excepting a strip on the edge of the water known as the "shipyard"). There were still no houses on the property known as the "Old Common". In April 1847, Josiah Bayly, Jr. sold the property to Lewis Ross who later acquired the shipyard also through Judge James A. Stewart, who had purchased it at the sale of Mitchell's real estate and erected a large grocery store of unhewn stone, the first building on the property. Captain Ross died in 1878 and by his will divided the lot into two parts, leaving the south portion to his granddaughter, Lydia A. Ross, and the north portion (toward the river) to his granddaughter Elexine, wife of Charles N. Creighton). In 1885, Mr. and Mrs. Creighton sold her half of the "Old Common" to the Maryland Steamboat Company. The company tore down the old grocery store, sowed the lot in grass, planted trees and made a beautiful park there. At the same time they practically doubled the size of their lot by building a solid wharf of oyster shells from its whole front, out to the end of the wharf of the steamboat pier. In June 1895, the Baltimore, Chesapeake, and Atlantic Transportation Company of Baltimore (successor of the Maryland Steamboat Company) sold to Paymaster

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Col. Clement Sullivane, article reprinted in the
Daily Banner, May 1, 1925.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:

Catherine L. Moore,

ORGANIZATION

DATE

11/12/75

STREET AND NUMBER:

Route 3, Box 32

CITY OR TOWN:

Cambridge

STATE

Maryland

12.

State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature

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History (continued):

M. Worthington Goldsborough, half of their said lot, where he erected the house that is now known as 106 High Street. Paymaster Goldsborough was the father of Phillips Lee Goldsborough who was the Governor of Maryland between 1912 and 1916.

Significance:

This is an attractive example of vernacular architecture built some time after 1895. It is part of a group of large houses on the northern end of High Street most of which date to the late 19th century and are of architectural interest. The architect was J. Benjamin Brown.

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STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE:

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106 HIGH STREET
CAMBRIDGE, MARYLAND

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In 1895, M. Worthington Goldsborough, father of Governor Phillips Lee Goldsborough, purchased this lot, along with 102 and part of 100 High Street, from the Baltimore, Chesapeake and Atlantic Railway. He built this house in 1895-1896 at about the same time that Ellen S. Goldsborough built 102 High Street. The architect was J. Benjamin Brown, a local builder who constructed numerous homes and business structures in Cambridge in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. In 1897, Goldsborough sold the house to his two sons, Phillips Lee and Dr. Brice W. Goldsborough. The home itself is an example of late nineteenth century vernacular architecture; it is one of several homes at this end of High Street that date from this period.

Sources:

Dorchester County Courthouse, Cambridge, Maryland.

Land Records.

Dorchester County Office Building, Cambridge, Maryland.

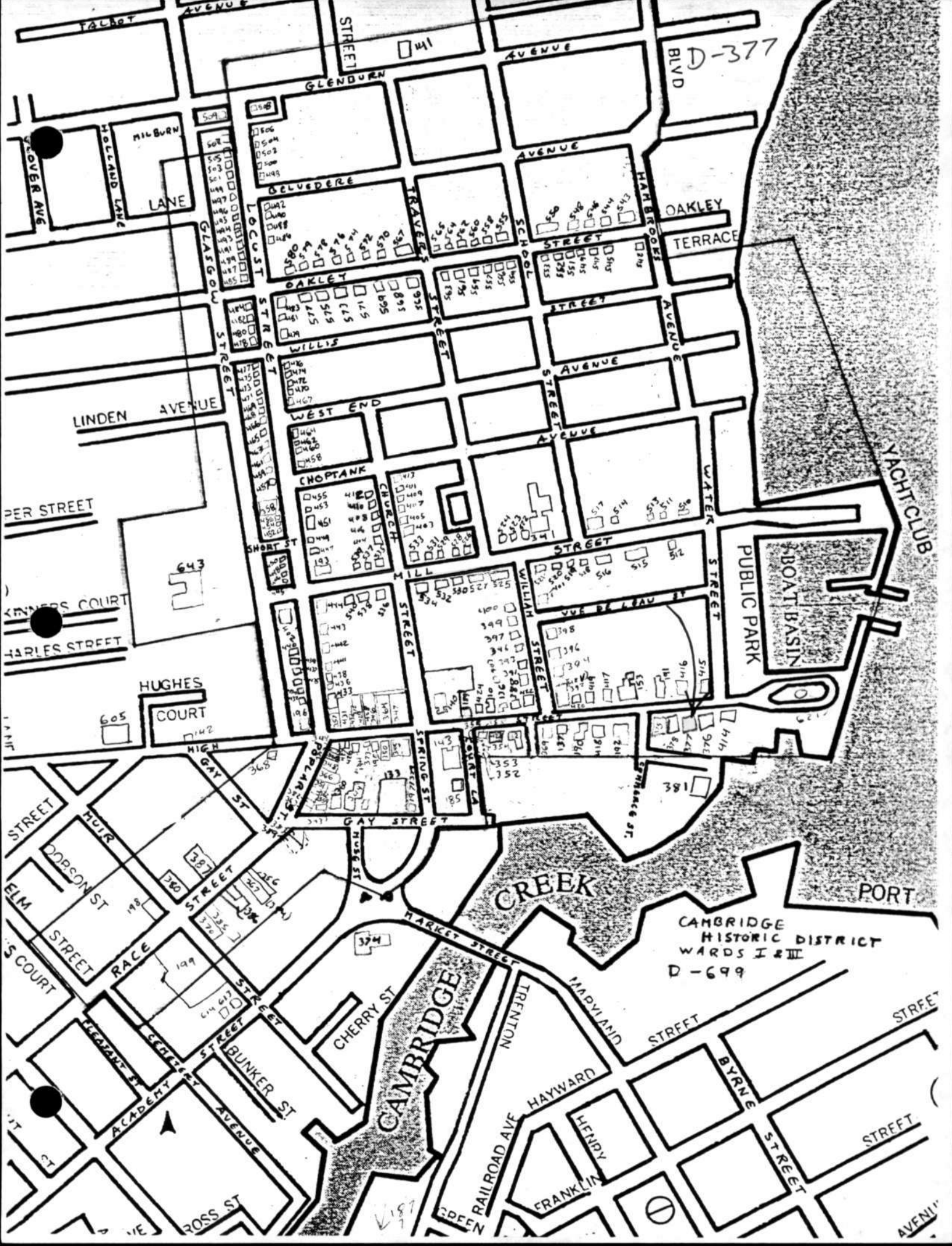
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Research by:

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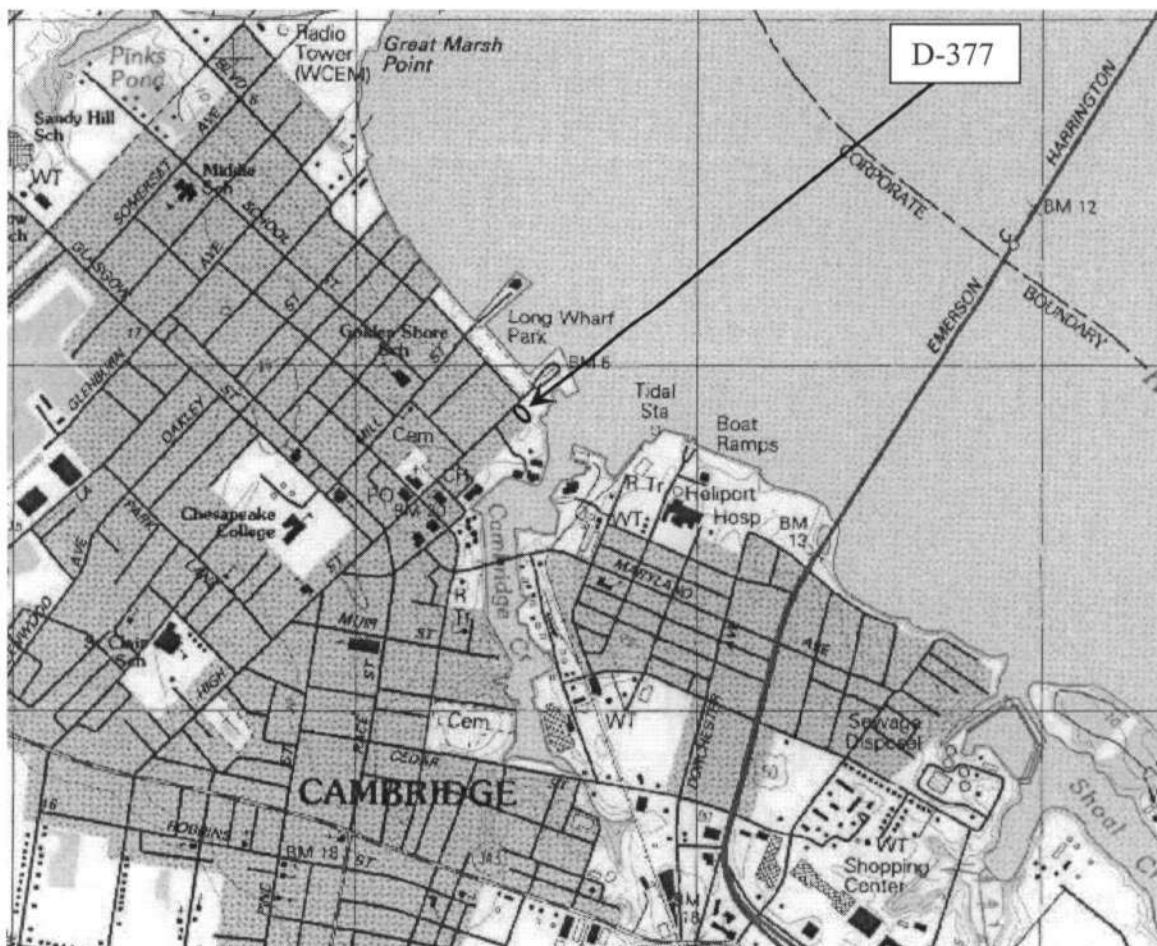
M.W. Goldsborough House, Site of the "Old Common"

106 High St.

Cambridge

Cambridge Quad.

Dorchester Co.





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106 High St.

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